

# NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.39116 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE       | \$0.39116 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.39116 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.39156 per \$100 |
| DE MINIMIS RATE         | \$0.38013 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Harris County.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Street, Houston, Texas or may be viewed here: [www.harriscountytexas.gov/Government/Court-Agenda/Court-Videos](http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/Government/Court-Agenda/Court-Videos).

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting Commissioners Court of Harris County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

## YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

**The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:**

### FOR:

Judge Lina Hidalgo  
Commissioner Adrian Garcia  
Commissioner R. Jack Cagle

Commissioner Rodney Ellis  
Commissioner Steve Radack

### AGAINST:

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:**

**The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.**

**The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County this year:**

|                                     | 2019            | 2020            | Change                            |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.40713       | \$0.39116       | decrease of -\$0.01597 OR -3.92%  |
| Average homestead taxable value     | \$176,131       | \$176,076       | decrease of -0.03%                |
| Tax on average homestead            | \$717           | \$689           | decrease of -\$28 OR -3.95%       |
| Total tax levy on all properties    | \$1,929,480,195 | \$1,963,832,077 | increase of \$34,351,882 OR 1.78% |

### Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Harris County spent \$ 53,561,507 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$49,450,334 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$4111173. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$ 0.00050 /\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

**For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County at 713-274-8000 or [tax.office@hctx.net](mailto:tax.office@hctx.net), or visit [www.hctx.net](http://www.hctx.net) for more information.**